

FY 2008 Public School Budget Request Highlights

Discretionary Funds \$25.2 million

Growth	\$ 7.6 million (300 support units x \$25,436)
Inflation	\$ 6.4 million (\$25,436 x 1.81% x 13,800 support units)
Other (balance to 5%)	\$11.2 million (\$25,436 x 3.19% x 13,800 support units)

Funds necessary for school district and charter school expenses including textbooks, employee medical insurance, utilities, etc.

FY 2007 appropriation	\$25,436 per support unit
FY 2008 request	\$26,708 per support unit (5% increase)

Support Unit (enrollment) Increase: \$19.8 million (\$16.7 million salaries, \$3.1 million benefits)

Enrollment increased by 5,991 in the 2005-2006 school year, bringing total fall enrollment to 262,088. Approximately one-third of this increase (2,029) was in charter schools.

- Virtual charter schools will likely continue to attract a significant number of home-schooled students into the public school system.
- Charter school support units increased by 103.5 in the 2005-2006 school year and are estimated to increase by approximately 93 in the 2006-2007 school year. The four new charter schools represent approximately 40 of this increase.

The SDE will be receiving 2006-2007 enrollment by mid-November. Preliminary estimates indicate that charter schools will be increasing enrollment by approximately 1,500 students.

Base Salary Increases (5%), Minimum Instructional Salary: \$43.7 million (\$36.9 million salaries, \$6.8 million benefits)

Base Salaries	Current	Request
Instructional	\$23,906	\$25,101
Administrative	\$34,773	\$36,512
Classified	\$19,207	\$20,167
Minimum Instructional Salary	Current	Request
	\$30,000	\$31,000

Staff Allowance Increases: \$39.6 million (\$33.4 million salaries, \$6.2 million benefits)

Increase in Instructional staff allowance from 1.1 to 1.15 which will fund approximately 678 FTE. Increase in Classified staff allowance from 0.375 to 0.400 which will fund approximately 339 FTE. This request is a component of school reform and will allow school

districts and charter schools to hire instructional staff and classroom aides based on local needs.

PERSI Employer Rate Increase: \$4.8 million

Effective in FY 2008, the PERSI employer rate will increase from 10.39% to 11.00%. The state pays into PERSI on behalf of eligible public school employees.

Experience & Education Index: \$125 thousand (\$106 thousand salaries, \$19 thousand benefits)

Request based on FY 2006 actual indexes. The Instructional index has stabilized during the last few years and is not expected to change significantly.

District-Directed Professional Development: \$11.25 million

Represents cost of three days of instructional salaries and benefits for training in areas of focus, including math, and costs associated with state response of federal requirement for recruiting highly qualified teachers in low-performing schools. This is a component of school reform.

Gifted / Talented: \$1 million

To provide training for advanced placement teachers to teach dual credit classes. This is a component of school reform.

Math Initiative: \$500 thousand

Targeted pilot program to develop a math approach for primary grades while the more general professional development funds are used to train teachers for better math instruction in the middle and upper grades. This is a component of school reform.

Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA): \$500 thousand

Additional funds requested for expected increase in student enrollment, which addresses school reform by making classes available to students in low-performing as well as rural schools.

Technology Grants: \$5.2 million

Additional funds for high-speed internet access (\$2 million), computer replacement (\$2.2 million), integration / training (\$1 million).

Transportation: \$2.7 million (\$1.2 million for inflation @ 1.81% plus \$1.5 million for estimated FY 2008 reimbursements.

Includes funding for provisions of SB 1443 (2004 session) as outlined in Idaho Code 33-1006 (7) for reimbursable pupil transportation costs, and for internet connection, electronic and computer equipment, toll-free telephone service, and education-related visits for home-based virtual schools.

Border Contracts: \$200 thousand

Increase in state funding due to elimination of school maintenance & operations property tax.

Exceptional Contracts / Tuition Equivalency: \$325 thousand

Additional funds required due to increase in exceptional child enrollment and excess cost rate.

Teacher Incentive (National Board Certification): -\$147 thousand

Decrease in number of eligible teachers from 132 to 70.

Safe & Drug-Free: \$1.5 million

This request includes an estimated \$4.7 million from FY 2008 taxes on tobacco products and lottery winnings, and \$2.3 million carryover of income taxes on lottery winnings.

Bond Levy Equalization Support Program: \$3.7 million

Increased funding for public school district bond subsidy. Per HB 743 (2006 Legislative Session), this program will be funded by taxes on tobacco products, which will be transferred annually to the general fund, and then appropriated to public schools.

Limited English Proficient (LEP): \$170 thousand

Funding to increase the amount per LEP student from \$230 to \$300. Estimated number of LEP students is 18,200 which is a decrease from 23,000 (FY 2007), due to clarification of classification.

Lottery (School Facilities): \$9.2 million

Increase due to estimated annual dividend (\$500 thousand), carryover from previous year (\$3 million), and fund shift of the Bond Levy Equalization Support Program to taxes on tobacco products.

**Public School Support Program
Distribution Factor**

	2006-2007 Appropriation	2007-2008 Request	Increase / (Decrease)	% Change
1 APPROPRIATIONS / REQUEST				
a. General Fund	\$1,291,587,000	\$1,452,100,700	\$160,513,700	12.4%
b. Endowment / Lands, Lottery Dividend, Misc. Revenues	\$45,866,800	\$53,145,000	\$7,278,200	15.9%
c. Cigarette and Lottery Taxes	5,500,000	7,000,000	1,500,000	27.3%
TOTAL DEDICATED REVENUES	\$51,366,800	\$60,145,000	\$8,778,200	17.1%
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d. Federal Funds	\$175,000,000	\$215,000,000	\$40,000,000	22.9%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,517,953,800	\$1,727,245,700	\$209,291,900	13.8%
2 PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION				
a. Transportation	64,316,700	67,032,300	2,715,600	4.2%
b. Border Contracts	800,000	1,000,000	200,000	25.0%
c. Exceptional Contracts and Tuition Equivalents	5,750,000	6,075,000	325,000	5.7%
d. Program Adjustments	435,000	480,000	45,000	10.3%
e. Salary-based Apportionment	740,842,100	827,991,500	87,149,400	11.8%
f. Teacher Incentive Award (Nat'l Bd Cert)	313,200	166,100	(147,100)	-47.0%
g. State Paid Employee Benefits	132,647,900	153,420,400	20,772,500	15.7%
h. Unemployment	1,250,000	1,250,000	0	0.0%
i. Early Retirement Payout	4,750,000	4,750,000	0	0.0%
j. Substance Abuse	5,500,000	7,000,000	1,500,000	27.3%
k. Bond Levy Equalization Support Program	6,300,000	10,000,000	3,700,000	58.7%
Building Student Success:				
l. Technology Grants	9,800,000	15,000,000	5,200,000	53.1%
m. Idaho Reading Initiative	2,800,000	2,800,000	0	0.0%
n. Math Initiative	0	500,000	500,000	NA
o. Limited English Proficient (LEP)	6,040,000	6,210,000	170,000	2.8%
p. Idaho Digital Learning Academy	1,100,000	1,600,000	500,000	45.5%
Professional Development:				
q. District-directed Professional Development	0	11,250,000	11,250,000	NA
r. Gifted and Talented (Teacher Training)	500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	200.0%
s. Federal Funds for Local School Districts	175,000,000	215,000,000	40,000,000	22.9%
t. School Facilities Funding (lottery)	10,772,900	20,000,000	9,227,100	85.7%
u. School Facilities Maintenance Match	5,650,000	5,650,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	\$1,174,567,800	\$1,358,675,300	\$184,107,500	15.7%
3 Education Stabilization Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA
4 NET STATE FUNDING AVAILABLE	\$343,386,000	\$368,570,400	\$25,184,400	7.3%
5 SUPPORT UNITS	13,500.0	13,800.0	300.0	2.2%
6 DISTRIBUTION FACTOR (includes \$300 for Safe Environment Provisions)	\$25,436.00	\$26,708.00	\$1,272.00	5.0%